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Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M, Ph.D. Deputy Commissioner of the Food & Drug Administration 5600 Fisher's Lane (HF-1/14-71/PKLN) Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Crawford:

I am writing to you to at this time about my concern concerning a FDA change in policy whereby allergic patients have had adverse reactions to a food that was detected by analytical testing as an undeclared allergen in the food, yet the FDA has refused to classify the incidents as a recall. This lack of action by the FDA places food allergic patients in great jeopardy and we as their physicians in a difficult spot. We urge you to make a change in this policy immediately so that our patients can protected.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Cordially yours,

Richard L. Green, M.D.

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